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Hi, thank you for
coming to sit with me and talk about your life.

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Thank you for inviting me.

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So I would very much like to hear your story.
You came to America to share your

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childhood. Let's start with that.
Where were you born? What was your name?

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- Who were your parents?
- My name was Ayman Abu-Suboh.

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I was born in the Gaza Strip in Khan-Yunis
to a Palestinian Muslim family.

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We were five siblings, three sons and two daughters.

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I was the middle child.

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My father was a worker in Israel, in Rishon
LeZion. At the time, there was an open passage.

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Every day people would go through it,
people coming from Gaza and from Khan-Yunis.

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When I was three years old, my grandfather sat down and said to me,
"Sit down." So I sat down next to him.

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He told me a story about Jaffa.
He said that part of it was his land, and the Jews took it from him.

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Basically, all of Israel is our land.
Every place where we used to live, the Jews took it.

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When you grow up, you'll murder them and return the land,
because this is your inheritance.

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- Your grandfather told you to murder Jews.
- My paternal grandfather.

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When I returned home, I heard my father say, "Thank God,"
because he heard about the murder of Jews.

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00:02:16,125 --> 00:02:20,375

"Thank God. May His name be glorified.
May they all die."

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English Translation

00:02:20,375 --> 00:02:28,250

I have to remind you, my father worked for 27 years in Israel.
He made money. He bought land. He built a house,

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00:02:28,250 --> 00:02:34,250

A private home - a luxurious villa, like wealthy people
with the Jews' money.

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00:02:34,250 --> 00:02:36,375

At the end of the day, you'll murder them.

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00:02:36,875 --> 00:02:46,375

I went to my maternal grandfather's house.
He used to dig water wells.

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00:02:47,750 --> 00:02:52,000

- In Gaza?

- In Khan-Yunis. In Gaza. In Rafiah.

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00:02:53,000 --> 00:02:58,250

My grandfather worked in Khan-Yunis as a digger.
What do you do grandpa? I'm looking for water.

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After six months, he digs in a new place.

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What now? What are you looking for? Water.
But you dug here, and there's no water.

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00:03:07,125 --> 00:03:11,875

There is water, it's just salt water, not fresh water.
We're looking for fresh water.

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00:03:11,875 --> 00:03:18,000

You see, in Khan-Yunis, Rafiah, and Gaza - everyone digs in the ground. I didn't know about this.

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The thing is, they're looking for water.

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In those days, we didn't have a kindergarten.

The kids would play outside. They'd play hide-and-seek and soccer.

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And there were soldiers in Gaza, Khan-Yunis, and Rafiah.

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Since I was born, I grew up among the soldiers.

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- The Israeli soldiers?

- The Israeli soldiers, who were there from before I was born.

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00:03:44,625 --> 00:03:47,000

Also, the Jews who would come to the market.

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00:03:48,000 --> 00:03:53,000

After a soccer game, a soldier came over

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and put something in my hand like this,
and closed it.

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I was curious and he said, "Open your hand."
So I opened it and saw it was a candy.

English Translation

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00:04:05,750 --> 00:04:12,250
I unwrapped it and ate it.
Wow. It was sweet, like honey.

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00:04:12,250 --> 00:04:17,500
- The kids love candy.
- The Israeli soldiers gave you candy?
- Correct.

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00:04:17,500 --> 00:04:22,875
I took the candy wrapper and ran home to my father.
I told him, "Dad, buy me some like these."

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00:04:22,875 --> 00:04:28,250
He said to me, "Where did you get this?"
I told him, "From the Jews, from the soldiers."

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00:04:28,250 --> 00:04:37,000
He got up, furious, and he threatened me to never take anything from the soldiers, nothing from the Jews.
They might put poison inside.

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00:04:37,000 --> 00:04:38,375
If I ate it, I would die.

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00:04:39,000 --> 00:04:43,375
But on the holiday Rosh HaShanah,
he would come with a basket

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00:04:44,625 --> 00:04:49,875
from his work in Israel and would say,

"Here is a present for you."

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00:04:49,875 --> 00:04:54,000

"Eat everything, all is good."

Suddenly, there's no poison?

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00:04:54,000 --> 00:04:58,625

I was a clever child, really, I wasn't stupid.

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The brainwashing didn't work on me.

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I promised him I wouldn't take anymore, but I kept taking the candy quietly. I didn't tell him.

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And nothing happened to you from the candy?

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No. I would hide the wrapper, because I was afraid to be beaten.

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Because if dad said not to take and you took,

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00:05:21,625 --> 00:05:25,875

there was a punishment.

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00:05:26,875 --> 00:05:31,875

I turned six years old and

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my mother took me to the market in Khan-Yunis

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00:05:36,500 --> 00:05:43,750

to help her out. She bought me some candy. As I was walking,
I saw someone's head

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00:05:43,750 --> 00:05:45,125

rolling like a ball.

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00:05:45,875 --> 00:05:48,750

- A severed head...

- Yes.

- ...on the floor?

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00:05:48,750 --> 00:05:51,875

- Yes, a severed head rolling like a ball.

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00:05:51,875 --> 00:05:58,125

I looked up at the high electric poles and there were
people hung there to die.

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00:05:59,375 --> 00:06:04,125

- Who's that? Who did that?

- They put people in the intersection

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00:06:05,875 --> 00:06:10,375

and thousands of people were all around
screaming, "Allahu Akbar, Allahu Akbar!"

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They chopped off their legs, hands,
and then their heads.

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They bound people by their feet and
drove through every street until they died.

English Translation

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00:06:20,291 --> 00:06:22,250
Do you know what those people are called?

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00:06:23,041 --> 00:06:26,500
They are suspected to be collaborating with Israel.

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00:06:27,000 --> 00:06:29,250
So they are Muslim-Arabs who died?

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00:06:29,250 --> 00:06:34,750
They are Palestinians who are thought to be
collaborating with Israel.

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00:06:35,500 --> 00:06:37,000
Who killed them?

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00:06:37,125 --> 00:06:38,375
Who could it be?

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00:06:39,041 --> 00:06:40,875
Have you heard of Yahya Sinwar?

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00:06:41,375 --> 00:06:43,541
It was him and his people.

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00:06:43,541 --> 00:06:48,375
Yahya Sinwar's job wasn't to murder Jews.
His job was to chop off their heads.

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English Translation

00:06:48,625 --> 00:06:53,625

Yahya Sinwar grew up in my town along with
Mohammed Deif and Yahya Ayash.

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- Khan-Yunis is the most dangerous city.
- What did your family say when they saw the—

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It was normal. Simply normal.
A head rolling...

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00:07:07,375 --> 00:07:15,375

I saw a woman doing her laundry. People there
do their laundry outside next to their houses.

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00:07:15,375 --> 00:07:22,125

And someone came from behind the woman
with a huge ax and chopped her head off.

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00:07:22,125 --> 00:07:26,125

- Why?
- Because she is collaborating with Israel. She's a traitor.

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00:07:26,125 --> 00:07:30,750

What are Israelis? They are infidels.

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00:07:30,750 --> 00:07:33,125

The Jews are infidels. A Jew is an infidel.

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00:07:34,250 --> 00:07:40,250

It's normal, very normal.
It's just like this. That's how I grew up.

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00:07:40,750 --> 00:07:44,500

All the time you saw killing, people killing each other...

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00:07:44,500 --> 00:07:49,375

Yes, all the time. Then my parents enrolled me in school at the age of seven.

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Each of us children had a dream.

Didn't you have a dream when you were a child?

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of what you wanted to be when you grew up?

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I had a dream of becoming a doctor, to help people.

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My parents bought me clothes for school and I was so happy. Before, I was a neglected kid who

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00:08:08,625 --> 00:08:15,125

was playing in the streets, and, suddenly, I have clean clothes and I look good.

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00:08:15,125 --> 00:08:21,875

I sat in the first row at school and they taught us letters, but not from A to Z.

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00:08:21,875 --> 00:08:24,375

The first letters we learned were for the word "Palestine".

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00:08:25,000 --> 00:08:34,375

And for math we learned: there are five Jews. We killed three. How many are left?

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00:08:34,375 --> 00:08:38,750

- Two. We will kill them too.

- In school, they taught you murder?

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00:08:38,750 --> 00:08:45,625

It was UNRWA school. You know of it?

It belongs to the UN. It's a United Nations school.

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00:08:45,625 --> 00:08:49,750

- The UN school taught you to kill Jews?

- Correct.

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00:08:49,750 --> 00:08:55,750

After a while, a teacher came in with a suit and tie on. He looked respectable.

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He was seven feet tall. I won't forget it.

He came in the door, bent down and said, "Good morning, kids."

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00:09:04,000 --> 00:09:10,625

"Good morning, teacher!" He tells us that today we'll have a special lesson. What an excitement.

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00:09:10,625 --> 00:09:14,875

I was sure that today he would teach us how to become a doctor.

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00:09:15,625 --> 00:09:21,500

I was never that excited in my life.

But then he started by saying that the Jews are murderers.

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00:09:21,500 --> 00:09:27,250

They kill kids, women, and men. The Jews
took your grandparents' land.

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00:09:27,250 --> 00:09:32,250

We must kill them and return
all the land back.

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00:09:32,250 --> 00:09:39,125

Whoever murders a Jew is guaranteed to go to heaven.
He is the closest to God, like a prophet.

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00:09:40,125 --> 00:09:47,625

If he's murdered by a Jew, he becomes Shahid.
He enters heaven and gets 72 virgins.

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00:09:48,500 --> 00:09:51,500

The Jews are infidels and
so are the Christians.

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Someone who doesn't believe in the Quran,
in Muhammad, is an infidel.

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What is his faith? Kill him.
For what? For Allah.

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00:10:02,625 --> 00:10:09,375

"La ilaha illallah Muhammad Rassul Allah."
Which means, "There is no god but Allah

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00:10:09,375 --> 00:10:14,250

and his prophet Muhammad is his messenger.”

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00:10:14,500 --> 00:10:16,750

And he said that the Jews have three legs.

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00:10:17,000 --> 00:10:23,125

I was a boy whose dream was to be a doctor.

All my focus, happiness, and smile faded...

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00:10:23,125 --> 00:10:25,750

And I suddenly looked like

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00:10:25,750 --> 00:10:28,750

it's Tisha B'Av [a day of mourning]. I didn't feel good.

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00:10:28,750 --> 00:10:37,250

All the kids in the classroom were jumping saying,

"Allau Akbar! Allau Akbar! Itbach El Yahud! Itbach El America!"

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00:10:37,250 --> 00:10:43,500

Which means death to the Jews and death to America.

I'm sure you've heard of it.

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00:10:43,500 --> 00:10:48,250

I felt my soul ache. I didn't connect to those things.

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00:10:48,250 --> 00:10:53,500

Just one thing came to mind. That

there are different kinds of Jews and those

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00:10:53,500 --> 00:10:58,750

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who are in Israel have a third eye on
their forehead.

English Translation

118
00:10:59,750 --> 00:11:07,375
I asked the teacher to go to the
bathroom to wash my face. I just said that

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00:11:07,375 --> 00:11:14,375
I didn't feel well. I wanted to wash my face.
He immediately slapped me.

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00:11:14,625 --> 00:11:18,625
He said, "In such an important class,
no one leaves."

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00:11:19,000 --> 00:11:21,625
He took me to the principal's office

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00:11:21,625 --> 00:11:24,875
pulling me by the ear.

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00:11:25,125 --> 00:11:31,375
The teacher whispered in the principal's ear.

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00:11:31,625 --> 00:11:33,500
He looked at me like this and said,

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00:11:34,375 --> 00:11:39,625
"Stand with your face to the wall."
I did so.

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00:11:39,625 --> 00:11:41,750
And then the first blow came.

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00:11:42,875 --> 00:11:50,750

It was very, very
painful. It was rubber, similar to a horse whip.

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00:11:50,750 --> 00:11:53,000

It was very painful and burned.

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00:11:53,000 --> 00:11:54,625

How old were you?

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00:11:54,625 --> 00:11:58,250

-Seven.

-You were seven years old and your teacher beat you with a whip?

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00:11:58,250 --> 00:12:06,625

The teacher slapped me on my cheek and
the principal hit me with the whip.

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00:12:07,000 --> 00:12:08,375

Both of them hit me.

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00:12:08,375 --> 00:12:10,375

Why did they beat you? What did they say to you?

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00:12:10,375 --> 00:12:20,500

To teach me their way because I strayed away
from the path, and it's not allowed. You strayed.

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00:12:20,500 --> 00:12:26,500

You strayed away. You need
to be put back on track.

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00:12:26,500 --> 00:12:32,750

Then he asked me to bring my dad
to school the next day.

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00:12:32,750 --> 00:12:39,125

I went back home crying. I couldn't reach behind me,
and it burned like crazy.

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00:12:39,625 --> 00:12:45,750

I got home and my mom was doing the laundry. We didn't
have electricity at home because my father disconnected it.

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00:12:45,750 --> 00:12:51,125

- Your dad disconnected the electricity?
- Yes, I was raised with candles.

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00:12:51,875 --> 00:12:57,875

- Why, why did he disconnect the electricity?
- Because it was too expensive, 70 shekels a month.

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00:12:57,875 --> 00:12:59,625

It's expensive for him.

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00:12:59,625 --> 00:13:03,625

So it's not that Israel doesn't allow electricity?

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00:13:03,625 --> 00:13:09,250

No, everyone has it. They don't pay.
The citizens of Israel are paying.

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00:13:09,250 --> 00:13:14,750

In Israel if you don't pay, they
disconnect your electricity.

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00:13:15,750 --> 00:13:21,625

In Gaza? It doesn't matter.

It's all backwards.

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00:13:21,625 --> 00:13:27,375

So, my mom is doing laundry by hand and

I was crying. She asked me what happened.

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00:13:27,375 --> 00:13:30,500

I told her that the teacher and

the principal hit me. She asked me why.

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00:13:30,500 --> 00:13:38,625

I couldn't tell her why. I said that I didn't know

and that they want dad to come to school tomorrow.

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00:13:38,625 --> 00:13:44,500

My dad would go to work in Israel on

Sunday and return on Thursday.

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00:13:44,500 --> 00:13:48,000

So, Thursday he returned home, and on

Friday he came with me to school.

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00:13:48,750 --> 00:13:52,625

He went into the principal's office and

I continued to my classroom.

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00:13:52,625 --> 00:13:57,000

Ten minutes later, my dad came to the classroom and hit me.

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00:13:57,000 --> 00:13:58,500

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00:13:58,500 --> 00:14:03,125

Yes, in front of all kids.

And he said, "Yes to killing Jews."

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00:14:03,125 --> 00:14:09,875

I have to mention again, my dad worked in
Israel for twenty-seven years.

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00:14:10,000 --> 00:14:15,000

And at the end of the day, he wanted me to kill Jews.

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00:14:15,000 --> 00:14:17,875

Why kill Jews? It's an honor for the family.

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What kind of honor? This is seen as a respectable
family and their son is a hero.

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00:14:22,625 --> 00:14:25,125

"You don't understand how many Jews he has killed!"

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00:14:26,000 --> 00:14:29,750

It's like the son who called his father on October 7th and said,

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00:14:29,750 --> 00:14:37,625

"Father, open WhatsApp and see what I sent you.
I've killed ten Jews, a husband and wife.

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00:14:37,625 --> 00:14:44,375

See the photos I sent you, people without
heads and arms." They burned them. Chopped them up.

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00:14:44,375 --> 00:14:48,125

His father said, "Listen to this,

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00:14:48,750 --> 00:14:56,250

Praise Allah. Praise Allah.

May Allah watch over you.

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00:14:56,250 --> 00:14:59,125

Keep going."

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00:14:59,125 --> 00:15:00,375

"Father, can I talk to mother?"

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00:15:00,375 --> 00:15:04,750

"Yes."

His mother tells him, "It's too bad I'm not with you."

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00:15:05,000 --> 00:15:08,875

It's an honor. My dad wanted that for me too.

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00:15:08,875 --> 00:15:15,000

Your dad wanted you to bring honor to the family and the way to bring honor to the family is to kill the Jews? Is that normal? Is everybody like that?

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00:15:15,000 --> 00:15:15,500

Of course.

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00:15:15,500 --> 00:15:21,125

Was that a normal thing in your classroom? All parents were like that?

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00:15:21,125 --> 00:15:22,375

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Yes, all parents.

English Translation

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00:15:22,375 --> 00:15:27,750

You need to understand that it's the same with
all schools, all teachers... They use the same book.

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00:15:27,750 --> 00:15:34,250

Good citizens don't have a
different school and different teachers.

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00:15:34,250 --> 00:15:36,000

They really don't.

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00:15:36,000 --> 00:15:40,125

- All teachers have the same path.
- They raised you to kill Jews.

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00:15:40,125 --> 00:15:41,375

Of course.

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00:15:42,125 --> 00:15:45,625

You know, it's the greatest act you can do.

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00:15:47,000 --> 00:15:52,875

May you not have a house, have nothing to drink,
nothing to eat, nowhere to sleep.

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00:15:52,875 --> 00:15:58,875

The most important thing is to murder Jews.
That's the highest level there is.

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00:15:58,875 --> 00:16:04,625

- And what happened when you went back home?

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00:16:04,625 --> 00:16:09,625
when you get back home, you'll get your punishment."

183
00:16:10,000 --> 00:16:12,625
I came home after school,

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00:16:13,375 --> 00:16:19,750
opened the door, and saw a rope
coming down from the ceiling.

185
00:16:19,750 --> 00:16:22,000
It was scary. I was a child.

186
00:16:22,625 --> 00:16:27,625
I looked to the side. I saw the gas on and fire.

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00:16:27,625 --> 00:16:28,500
Fire.

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00:16:29,625 --> 00:16:33,750
I then saw my dad wearing Hamas clothing
and he had a huge knife in his hand.

189
00:16:33,750 --> 00:16:36,000
He tells me, "I'm Hamas. I'm
going to murder you."

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00:16:36,875 --> 00:16:42,500
I was a kid. Yes, this is real.
He wants to kill me. I believe it.

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00:16:43,500 --> 00:16:46,625

My mother can't interfere.

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00:16:47,375 --> 00:16:49,500

If she interferes, she will get beaten.

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00:16:49,500 --> 00:16:59,000

Discipline is only done by fathers, not mothers.

Mothers are for raising the kids, cooking, laundry, shopping. Slaves.

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- Your mother didn't want to protect you?

- No, she could take a beating.

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00:17:05,375 --> 00:17:06,875

He would beat her too?

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00:17:06,875 --> 00:17:10,875

Of course. If she interferes, she gets it.

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00:17:10,875 --> 00:17:12,375

So what did he do to you?

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00:17:12,375 --> 00:17:19,875

He did nothing. His intentions were to cause
the fear that turns you red and purple in the face

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00:17:19,875 --> 00:17:21,416

and makes it hard to breathe...

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00:17:22,625 --> 00:17:30,250

He came to me screaming that he really wants to kill me and I'm screaming,

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00:17:30,250 --> 00:17:36,916

because he wants to scare me. But at that moment, you know...

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00:17:36,916 --> 00:17:40,500

I could choke, God could take me... I wouldn't care.

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00:17:40,500 --> 00:17:43,875

Then came my aunt who separated us.

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00:17:43,875 --> 00:17:50,250

He pushed her away, but she didn't give up.

She protected me.

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00:17:51,250 --> 00:17:56,000

I said, "Last time dad, I won't do any nonsense anymore."

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00:17:57,750 --> 00:18:03,750

They needed to put me back on track.

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00:18:03,750 --> 00:18:09,500

I went back to school and I wasn't sitting in the first row. I sat in the back.

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00:18:10,375 --> 00:18:12,625

After two days, I wasn't able to keep coming to school.

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00:18:13,250 --> 00:18:20,750

I used to come to school and stand at the gate.

I couldn't get myself to go through it.

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00:18:21,125 --> 00:18:22,875

I simply couldn't go in.

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00:18:22,875 --> 00:18:31,000

I would walk around Khan-Yunis to the beach
and sit close to the army base.

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00:18:32,250 --> 00:18:36,625

The soldiers would bring me
a carton of chocolate milk and wafers.

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00:18:36,625 --> 00:18:39,250

I was just a child, seven years-old.

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00:18:39,750 --> 00:18:47,750

When everyone would come out of school and would go home,
I would wait by the gate and go with all the kids.

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00:18:47,750 --> 00:18:52,000

- You pretended to go to school, but you didn't go to school.
- Exactly.

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00:18:52,000 --> 00:18:54,500

I thought I was smart.

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00:18:55,250 --> 00:19:02,875

And after a month of not going to school,
my dad asked me, "How was your day at school?"

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00:19:02,875 --> 00:19:10,625

I told him it was okay. He asked, "What did you learn?"
I said, "Math." He said, "Great."

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00:19:10,625 --> 00:19:17,916

"How much is five plus four?" I said that we haven't learned it yet.
So he got up.

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00:19:18,875 --> 00:19:20,625

"What is this letter?"

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00:19:21,500 --> 00:19:29,250

In the living room, there was a stick
hanging on the wall like a picture.

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00:19:29,250 --> 00:19:31,000

He took it off the wall.

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00:19:31,000 --> 00:19:34,125

It was made just for beating.

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00:19:34,125 --> 00:19:44,625

He took me, gave me a cold shower, then a hot shower, beat me,
and then left me to sleep all night in the bathroom.

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00:19:44,625 --> 00:19:50,875

It's not the regular toilet that you sit on. It's the flat ones
with the hole in the floor.

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00:19:50,875 --> 00:19:52,000

With a hole in the ground?

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00:19:52,000 --> 00:19:54,000

Until morning, I stayed there.

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00:19:54,000 --> 00:19:55,000

It was smelly and dirty.

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00:19:55,000 --> 00:19:56,500

Yes, yes it was. I stayed there until the morning.

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00:19:57,375 --> 00:20:01,250

- You slept on the floor? Were you wet?

- I was all wet.

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00:20:01,250 --> 00:20:05,125

He gave me a shower, warm, cold. Yes.

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00:20:05,875 --> 00:20:07,250

Why?

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00:20:07,500 --> 00:20:09,875

I wasn't at school for a month. Punishment.

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00:20:09,875 --> 00:20:15,250

Again, I've strayed away from the path
and each time I did, I was punished.

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00:20:15,875 --> 00:20:19,500

Did you speak to your mom about it sometimes
when he wasn't around?

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00:20:19,875 --> 00:20:22,875

My mother saw it all

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00:20:23,375 --> 00:20:26,125

and couldn't do anything.

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00:20:27,375 --> 00:20:34,250

But did she say to you, “Son, I love you, I’m sorry he is doing this to you, you don’t deserve this?”

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00:20:34,250 --> 00:20:40,500

If I had a good mom, she would have said those things, but no.

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00:20:40,500 --> 00:20:47,125

She thought the same way as he did. They both believed in the same thing.

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00:20:47,375 --> 00:20:50,625

What about your siblings? You’re the middle child—did they try to defend you?

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00:20:50,625 --> 00:20:54,875

They are considered successful. I’m not. I’ve failed.

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00:20:54,875 --> 00:20:56,375

Nothing came out of me.

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00:20:56,375 --> 00:21:00,500

They said they wanted to kill Jews, so they were successful, but you’re not.

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00:21:00,500 --> 00:21:02,500

Of course.

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00:21:02,875 --> 00:21:04,875

It’s a shame.

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00:21:05,250 --> 00:21:11,875

Someone who doesn’t want to kill Jews is a shame.

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00:21:11,875 --> 00:21:18,125

There was a small percentage that had left to Egypt, Jordan or Sweden and they said that they were traitors.

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00:21:18,875 --> 00:21:26,375

Whoever wanted to fight stayed there in Gaza. You need to understand...

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00:21:26,625 --> 00:21:30,875

You've got to understand, those are soldiers. They're fighting.

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00:21:30,875 --> 00:21:32,250

There's no such thing as civilians [in Gaza].

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00:21:32,250 --> 00:21:39,375

You're saying that the people that live in Gaza are soldiers, not civilians?

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00:21:39,375 --> 00:21:42,125

Of course. They are not civilians.

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00:21:42,250 --> 00:21:47,875

What about those who don't want to fight or who don't want to kill Jews and don't want to be a part of Hamas?

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00:21:48,125 --> 00:21:49,500

They went away to Jordan or Sweden.

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00:21:49,500 --> 00:21:54,750

- They ran away from there.
- They ran away, but their hatred for Jews is always there.

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00:21:54,750 --> 00:21:57,375

Real Talk with Marissa, featuring Dor Shachar
Also, in Arab countries, they hate Jews.

English Translation

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00:21:57,375 --> 00:22:03,500

And someone who wants to be a hero—I want you
to understand one thing.

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00:22:04,250 --> 00:22:09,625

For a Jew when a baby is born, what do they say?

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00:22:09,625 --> 00:22:13,375

Congratulations, may you
raise him in health and happiness.

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00:22:14,375 --> 00:22:17,500

His parents buy him presents,

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00:22:17,500 --> 00:22:24,875

buy him toys, take him to karate classes,
dance, music, and all kinds of things.

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00:22:24,875 --> 00:22:32,250

They take him to the beach and build him
a castle in the sand with walls and towers.

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00:22:32,250 --> 00:22:33,375

It's crazy.

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00:22:34,875 --> 00:22:41,000

And what's the difference between a Jewish baby
and a Palestinian baby?

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00:22:41,000 --> 00:22:46,750

When a Palestinian baby is born,

“May God protect him and may one day he'll become a batar.”

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00:22:46,750 --> 00:22:50,375

What is a batar? A hero.

What is a hero? Shahid.

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00:22:50,375 --> 00:22:56,000

They put the baby on the floor with a knife next to him.

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00:22:56,000 --> 00:23:00,500

- A baby?

- Yes, of course.

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00:23:00,500 --> 00:23:06,125

You can also see it online, there are many babies with a weapon.

That's how they are being photographed.

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00:23:07,250 --> 00:23:13,625

In Israel kids are going to

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00:23:14,750 --> 00:23:21,125

plays of 'Dora', 'Yuval Hamebulbal', 'Little Rinat'...

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00:23:21,125 --> 00:23:29,875

Over there, in their plays kids are dressed as Hamas,
the Muslim Jihad. They dress a little boy with a soldier's uniform

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00:23:29,875 --> 00:23:38,875

and an Israeli soldier and helmet. They beat
him up and kill the Israeli.

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00:23:39,750 --> 00:23:47,625

Then they put the one year old boy on their

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00:23:47,625 --> 00:23:55,250

Notice that sometimes they have different
headbands; white, black, green and weapons
of Hamas, Islamic Jihad.

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00:23:55,250 --> 00:23:57,625

At first, they have toy weapons

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00:23:57,625 --> 00:24:02,125

and when they grow up to six or seven years old, it's a real weapon.

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00:24:02,125 --> 00:24:05,500

But those are the extremists... Everyone's like that?

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00:24:05,500 --> 00:24:11,375

- All of them are extremists, exactly.
- You're saying everyone is an extremist.
- If not everyone was an extremist...

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00:24:11,375 --> 00:24:16,875

Israel has been fighting this for thirty years.
It's not 1% of them, it's 99%.

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00:24:16,875 --> 00:24:24,625

- And what happened with you there? Let's continue with your story.
- My dad told me that there is no more school.

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00:24:24,875 --> 00:24:30,000

- They stopped sending you to school.
- Yes, I had failed.

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00:24:30,000 --> 00:24:31,875

“There is nothing to do with him anymore.”

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00:24:31,875 --> 00:24:33,375

“Go be with the sheep.”

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00:24:33,375 --> 00:24:44,041

We had fifty to sixty sheep, you know.

I didn't dislike being with the sheep.

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00:24:44,375 --> 00:24:48,250

- You loved it.

- Of course, I was the happiest being with the sheep.

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00:24:48,250 --> 00:24:50,500

Our ancestors were with sheep.

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00:24:51,250 --> 00:24:55,875

So, I was with the sheep, and gave them water and food.

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00:24:55,875 --> 00:24:58,125

In order for them to eat greenery,

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00:24:58,125 --> 00:25:01,875

my dad asked me to take them to the cemetery

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00:25:01,875 --> 00:25:04,375

where there is a lot of greenery.

It was a little scary, but

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00:25:04,375 --> 00:25:07,500

you get over it, little by little.

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00:25:07,875 --> 00:25:15,125

And after some time, my dad came to me and said,
"You have a dream to become

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00:25:15,125 --> 00:25:21,500

a doctor. I'll enroll you in another school,
a better one, along with your brothers."

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00:25:22,000 --> 00:25:26,375

I'm transferring to a new school.

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00:25:27,625 --> 00:25:30,875

I didn't want to, but I couldn't tell him
I didn't want to.

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00:25:31,375 --> 00:25:33,000

There is no such thing as 'no'.

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00:25:34,375 --> 00:25:37,625

There is no such thing as 'I don't want to'.

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00:25:38,625 --> 00:25:43,000

Then he enrolled us in the new school.

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00:25:43,000 --> 00:25:47,000

There is one reason why he enrolled us to the new school.

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00:25:47,875 --> 00:25:50,250

In this new school, also of UNRWA,

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00:25:52,000 --> 00:25:54,750

each child receives flour.

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00:25:54,875 --> 00:26:01,250

Each child receives 50 kilos of flour,
so three kids it's 150 kilos.

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00:26:01,500 --> 00:26:04,125

So, that's the calculation he made.

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00:26:04,125 --> 00:26:10,875

This school was worse. This school was on a double sided road.

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00:26:11,625 --> 00:26:17,125

On one side, there's an army base and there are soldiers
who come to guard the base.

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00:26:17,125 --> 00:26:21,375

Everyone [from the school] goes there and
throws stones at the [Israeli] soldiers.

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00:26:21,375 --> 00:26:24,125

Then they go back to the classrooms
and open their books.

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00:26:24,125 --> 00:26:27,000

- And who told you to throw stones?
- The teachers, all of them.

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00:26:27,250 --> 00:26:29,500

- The teachers?
- All of them.

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00:26:30,125 --> 00:26:31,000

Teachers.

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00:26:31,125 --> 00:26:34,750

- Like, the first thing in the day?

- Yes, the first thing.

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00:26:34,750 --> 00:26:39,750

There is no lesson. It's 'how to throw stones at the soldiers'.

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00:26:39,750 --> 00:26:42,625

How did the Israeli soldiers treat you?

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00:26:42,625 --> 00:26:50,625

The teacher went into the class and said to
open your books, two plus one.

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00:26:51,250 --> 00:26:55,500

The soldiers came in the door and see
that the teacher is writing on the board

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00:26:55,500 --> 00:26:57,250

and children are writing as well.

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00:26:57,250 --> 00:27:04,125

They didn't understand, but I didn't do it.

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00:27:04,875 --> 00:27:06,750

You didn't like it.

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00:27:06,750 --> 00:27:08,875

No, I couldn't.

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00:27:08,875 --> 00:27:16,000

You had to go to school no
matter what, but something here stopped me.

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00:27:16,000 --> 00:27:20,125

You don't want school? Don't go.
What's the punishment?

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00:27:21,000 --> 00:27:24,000

To sleep at night with the sheep.

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00:27:24,875 --> 00:27:32,500

It's dark. There is no electricity there.
It's a forest with many trees.

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00:27:32,500 --> 00:27:35,750

Full moon, stars, full of rats and snakes...

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00:27:36,750 --> 00:27:44,250

Who is going to sleep in those conditions? Darkness is my greatest fear.
I was told when I was little

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00:27:44,250 --> 00:27:50,625

that all the dead raise at night from the
cemetery and run after people. All my life

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00:27:50,625 --> 00:27:53,750

I wasn't outside after sundown
because I was afraid of the dark.

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00:27:53,750 --> 00:27:55,750

How old were you when your father punished you like that?

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00:27:56,125 --> 00:28:00,125

Real Talk with Marissa, featuring Dor Shachar
I was about seven and a half.

English Translation

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00:28:01,000 --> 00:28:04,500
It wasn't long after what happened to you before?

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00:28:04,500 --> 00:28:11,375
- No.
- You were still pretty little?
- ...because you mustn't give a child more time. It's too late for them.

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00:28:11,375 --> 00:28:13,000
He tried to fix you?

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00:28:13,000 --> 00:28:17,625
If you are giving him time, it's going to be too late.

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00:28:17,625 --> 00:28:20,750
And at one point that had I fallen asleep,

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00:28:21,125 --> 00:28:28,250
I took a mattress, not a double bed
like in a hotel.

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00:28:28,250 --> 00:28:36,500
There were sheep, trees, rats, snakes...
I saw them running. I put a mattress, pillow,

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00:28:36,625 --> 00:28:42,500
and a blanket out and somehow fell asleep.

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00:28:42,875 --> 00:28:48,250
I felt something on my chest, so I opened my eyes
and saw a snake in front of me.

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00:28:48,250 --> 00:28:51,625

I threw the blanket off and ran home. Forty minutes.

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00:28:52,875 --> 00:28:54,750

There are no neighbors and I'm screaming and

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00:28:55,375 --> 00:28:58,875

I'm knocking on the door.

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00:28:59,625 --> 00:29:03,375

My dad opens the door, and said, "What happened?"

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00:29:03,875 --> 00:29:06,625

I was running for forty minutes, so it was hard for me to breathe.

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00:29:07,000 --> 00:29:10,250

I was scared, but I told him what happened.

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00:29:11,750 --> 00:29:14,375

"There was a snake."

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00:29:14,875 --> 00:29:19,875

He slapped me and said, "Go back."

So, I returned.

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00:29:20,750 --> 00:29:22,375

I stayed there for a while.

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00:29:23,750 --> 00:29:26,375

And at the age of eleven...

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00:29:27,000 --> 00:29:34,125

This whole time I was looking for a third leg on the Jews,
from age seven to eleven, constantly.

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00:29:34,125 --> 00:29:42,000

I was looking at the [Israeli] soldiers and searching for
the third leg and the eye in their foreheads.

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00:29:42,000 --> 00:29:44,250

But found nothing.

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00:29:44,500 --> 00:29:51,625

I would go to the market in Khan-Yunis
searching for a [Jew with a] third leg, and Gush Katif.

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00:29:51,625 --> 00:29:53,250

Jews would come there with just two legs.

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00:29:53,750 --> 00:29:59,875

When they came, it was all normal. But at school and at home... fire.
The hate was flaming.

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00:29:59,875 --> 00:30:06,875

Over there everyone was like, "Hi, how are you? How wonderful." Everyone was hugging. "All is good?"

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00:30:07,375 --> 00:30:09,500

But the hate was...

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00:30:10,500 --> 00:30:12,375

And then I thought to myself...

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English Translation

00:30:12,375 --> 00:30:22,000

The soldiers with green uniforms don't have three legs. Civilians at the market don't have three legs.

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00:30:22,000 --> 00:30:29,000

Those in Israel must have three legs.
One night, I was looking at a star.

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00:30:29,000 --> 00:30:37,250

It was called the North Star and I said,
"This is Israel and in this star there is the three legs."

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00:30:38,125 --> 00:30:44,875

I got up at three o'clock in the morning.
In the dark of night, I took a basket and empty pots

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00:30:44,875 --> 00:30:49,875

with a towel on top supposedly so that the
food won't get cold.

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00:30:49,875 --> 00:30:56,750

I went on the bus with the workers. Everyone knows
everyone. Again, the passage was open.

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00:30:56,750 --> 00:31:01,875

- There was no checkpoint closures?
- There was nothing. The Jews used it to come to the market.

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00:31:02,125 --> 00:31:09,500

- So you are saying that in the 80s the Arabs from Gaza would come into Israel freely? To work?
- Yes, freely.

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00:31:09,500 --> 00:31:15,625

Real Talk with Marissa, featuring Dor Shachar
All the time. On Shabbats, holidays,
the Jewish people came on Shabbats.

English Translation

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00:31:15,625 --> 00:31:19,250

So you went to Israel to look for the Jews with the third leg?

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00:31:19,250 --> 00:31:27,125

Exactly. I went on the bus and my neighbors said good morning and asked, "Where are you going?"

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00:31:27,125 --> 00:31:29,250

I said that I was bringing my dad food.

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00:31:29,750 --> 00:31:33,500

They told me, "Well done, good for you.
What a man you are."

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00:31:33,500 --> 00:31:36,250

I was eleven years-old. They said, "Too bad my son Mohammed isn't like you to take care of me."

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00:31:36,875 --> 00:31:41,750

If it was a Jewish father, he would have called the police. Those are irresponsible parents.

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00:31:41,750 --> 00:31:44,375

What is this thing? Because there's no value.

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00:31:44,375 --> 00:31:48,500

So, then I'd reached Rishon L'zion at six-thirty in the morning.

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00:31:48,750 --> 00:31:57,250

I saw a couple walking toward me,

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00:31:57,250 --> 00:32:09,250

I was curious, waiting to see if they had an eye in the forehead
or a third leg. They passed me and I looked behind me.

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00:32:09,250 --> 00:32:12,625

There was no third leg.
I said, "Okay, they're messing with me."

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00:32:12,625 --> 00:32:13,625

Public transportation would come
in the morning and return at night.

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00:32:14,125 --> 00:32:15,500

So, I returned in the evening.

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00:32:15,500 --> 00:32:19,625

It was Tuesday.

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00:32:19,625 --> 00:32:25,250

I open the door, get inside. Who do I see?

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00:32:25,250 --> 00:32:30,250

My dad. He went on Sunday and came back

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00:32:30,250 --> 00:32:32,125

home on Thursday.

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00:32:32,125 --> 00:32:37,875

He said, "Tell me where you were?"
I said that I was with the sheep.
He said, "I was there. You weren't there."

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00:32:37,875 --> 00:32:42,625

"You were in Israel, right?"

I told him yes because the neighbors had told him.

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00:32:42,625 --> 00:32:48,250

He said, "Fine, go to sleep."

He didn't beat me or threaten me.

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00:32:48,250 --> 00:32:50,875

Just said, "Okay, go to sleep."

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00:32:51,375 --> 00:32:56,875

- Were you scared?

- No. I was so happy. I said, finally, finally he understands me.

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00:32:56,875 --> 00:33:01,250

He understands my situation. He understands me.

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00:33:01,250 --> 00:33:05,375

He didn't beat me up, nothing.

He said to go to sleep. All is fine.

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00:33:05,750 --> 00:33:11,875

- I'm afraid to hear the story.

- No, it's a happy occasion.

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00:33:11,875 --> 00:33:15,250

Finally, he had released me.

I can do whatever I want.

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00:33:15,375 --> 00:33:19,625

At three o'clock in the morning, he wakes me up.

"Hey, hey, get up. Get dressed."

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00:33:21,125 --> 00:33:28,000

I woke up. He brought me to the construction site where he works.

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00:33:28,000 --> 00:33:36,250

There was a pile of sand and a pile of slack with cement and water. He said take from each one and mix it

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00:33:36,250 --> 00:33:39,250

and bring it one-hundred meters from there.

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00:33:39,250 --> 00:33:48,250

There were black buckets like this. I made it and tried to pick it up, but I couldn't.

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00:33:48,250 --> 00:33:54,250

They were heavy. Heavier than me. I said, "Dad, it's heavy." He said, "I don't care. You bring it over there."

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00:33:54,250 --> 00:33:56,875

I started dragging the bucket. The Iraqi contractor said to him-

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00:33:56,875 --> 00:34:00,250

This was in Israel, he took you with him to work?

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00:34:00,250 --> 00:34:02,250

Correct. The Iraqi contractor said to him in Arabic,

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00:34:02,750 --> 00:34:08,375

"Haram, poor child. He is a child."
He said, "I don't care."

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00:34:08,375 --> 00:34:13,750

There are no kids here, no family or friends.
At the end of the day, you know what he told me?

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00:34:15,000 --> 00:34:20,875

"You see? All the Jews and everyone who comes
to Israel, that's what he does."

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00:34:20,875 --> 00:34:26,625

Again, he wanted to take me back. For two days I
couldn't move out of bed. All of my muscles ached.

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00:34:28,375 --> 00:34:32,500

I stayed with the sheep.
Didn't go to school anymore.

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00:34:33,125 --> 00:34:40,625

When I was twelve years-old, he took me to the construction site
like when he took me when I was eleven.

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00:34:40,625 --> 00:34:45,875

- Into Israel again?
- Yes, but the first time he brought me as punishment.

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00:34:46,625 --> 00:34:53,250

What do you do with an unsuccessful child?
You take him to a construction site.

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00:34:53,250 --> 00:35:00,125

Everyday I earned 50 Shekels.
He would take it from me.

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00:35:00,125 --> 00:35:04,000

"You know how it works. I raised you and now you owe me."
It's like a debt.

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00:35:05,125 --> 00:35:15,375

And every day after work, I would go out, walk around,
and think how am I going escape from him?

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00:35:15,375 --> 00:35:18,125

We would go to work on Sunday and came back
on a Thursday.

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00:35:18,125 --> 00:35:25,375

After three months, I ran away from him to a far
away place. I started working as a night guard.

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00:35:25,375 --> 00:35:30,625

What do you think? Did he look for me? No.

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00:35:31,625 --> 00:35:39,375

"He'll come back."

There was no value in me. If I was the son of Jewish parents,

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00:35:39,375 --> 00:35:41,125

they would go crazy.

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00:35:41,875 --> 00:35:47,875

Weren't you afraid to run away from him and live with the Jews after everything they told you
about the Jews?

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00:35:47,875 --> 00:35:52,750

No, I knew it was all a lie.

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English Translation

00:35:52,750 --> 00:35:56,750

Why did I get so many beatings?

I used to stray and again they tried to correct me.

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00:35:56,750 --> 00:35:58,000

Why did I get so many beatings?

I used to stray and again they tried to correct me.

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00:35:58,000 --> 00:36:01,000

Like Abraham, God told him to

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00:36:01,625 --> 00:36:09,125

leave his father and mother and go to the land I show you.

There's no difference. It's all the same. It's the same world.

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00:36:09,375 --> 00:36:12,000

You felt like that's what gave you courage.

427

00:36:12,000 --> 00:36:16,625

It's something here. It's hard to explain, but it's something here from within.

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00:36:17,750 --> 00:36:23,500

It's like when you feel like you're hungry.

You know when you are hungry or thirsty, right?

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00:36:23,500 --> 00:36:29,375

It's a thing you feel very strongly.

It doesn't let go. I believe it's something

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00:36:29,375 --> 00:36:32,875

from up there. And then, my dad didn't search for me. He wasn't interested.

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00:36:34,750 --> 00:36:41,875

Like they say, one is gone,
we'll bring two.

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00:36:43,000 --> 00:36:46,375

- They'll simply bring more children?
- Yes, one has gone, we'll bring two to three.

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00:36:47,500 --> 00:36:53,875

You know, from one woman comes
between eight to ten kids.

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00:36:53,875 --> 00:36:58,000

You have three women, it's a lot of

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00:36:58,000 --> 00:37:06,375

children. I started working as a
guard. The buildings have

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00:37:06,375 --> 00:37:12,375

just done the sign and it takes
a long time. They started with the cement,

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00:37:12,375 --> 00:37:18,750

electric, ceramic, and so on.
Meanwhile, I got older.

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00:37:18,750 --> 00:37:24,875

I reached the age of sixteen and then the
buildings were ready to move in.

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00:37:25,500 --> 00:37:28,375

- Where did you live all those years?

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- At the construction site.

English Translation

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00:37:28,375 --> 00:37:37,375

- You slept and worked in the same place?
- I slept at the construction site, I worked, and showered there.

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00:37:37,750 --> 00:37:43,250

And how did you eat? And who let you be there?

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00:37:43,250 --> 00:37:49,875

I used to go and get a can of tuna, pastrami, matbucha, hummus...
That's what I lived on. Shower? I used to

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00:37:49,875 --> 00:37:55,750

go to a garden, take a hose, and have a shower. Didn't matter if

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00:37:55,750 --> 00:37:59,875

it was summer or winter. In the winter, because it was
cold, I was vomiting, but I had to take a shower.

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00:37:59,875 --> 00:38:10,250

- And what, you just took care of yourself? You were a kid.
- I was a kid with a brain. We have our brain

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00:38:10,250 --> 00:38:14,750

no matter what age we are. There are those
who are seventy years old with a brain of a child.

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00:38:14,750 --> 00:38:23,250

- And what, they didn't kick you out of there, the contractor let you just stay there?
- No, I was working there.
- So it pretty much worked out for them.

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00:38:23,250 --> 00:38:30,500

One day, I was sitting beside a small campfire
and eating a can of tuna. And then someone religious

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00:38:30,500 --> 00:38:42,250

with a yamaka on his head, chubby and short,
came to me and said, "Ahalan." I said, "Ahalan."

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00:38:42,250 --> 00:38:45,625

- He spoke in Arabic?
- Yes, he was Tunisian. He spoke Arabic.

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00:38:45,625 --> 00:38:48,750

First thing he said was, "Where is your father?"

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00:38:48,750 --> 00:38:54,625

You know what a Jewish man is? Amazing.
He is not used to [seeing] a boy here.

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00:38:54,625 --> 00:39:01,625

I told him that I don't have a father. In Arabic
he said, "No, you don't understand. Where is your father?"

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00:39:01,875 --> 00:39:03,000

I said that I don't have a father.

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00:39:03,000 --> 00:39:04,750

So, he sat with me and drank tea.

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00:39:04,750 --> 00:39:10,875

He said, "Well, are you going to be here?
I'll be back in half an hour."

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English Translation

00:39:10,875 --> 00:39:16,625

And half an hour later, he came back and brought food, clothes, toys, games, a stereo system, and an Avi Beitar tape.

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00:39:16,625 --> 00:39:22,500

Avi Beitar is a middle-Eastern singer who sings sad songs.

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00:39:22,500 --> 00:39:27,125

- He thought that you would like it?

- Yes, it really made me happy.

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00:39:30,125 --> 00:39:38,375

Then he brought me to his home two weeks before passover was going to begin.

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00:39:38,375 --> 00:39:45,000

And each time I would come over and watch with him the news, soccer, a movie, basketball...

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00:39:45,000 --> 00:39:53,625

All sorts of things, and we'd eat. Each Friday night he would feed me couscous and mafrum.

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00:39:53,625 --> 00:39:56,875

- He let you come into his house?

- Yes.

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00:39:57,375 --> 00:40:01,250

- You spoke Arabic or Hebrew with him?

- Arabic. I didn't know Hebrew.

-You didn't speak Hebrew then.

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00:40:02,125 --> 00:40:12,500

He and his wife were Tunisians and spoke Arabic.

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I felt like I belonged to something...

English Translation

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00:40:12,500 --> 00:40:14,875

Yes, I belonged to something.

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00:40:16,000 --> 00:40:22,875

Then the day before Passover, he brought me clothes
and invited me for the holiday. I asked what holiday.

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00:40:22,875 --> 00:40:26,375

He said, "Come I'll explain it to you.

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00:40:26,375 --> 00:40:31,500

Take a shower. Wear the clothes I brought you;
underwear, shirt, shoes,

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00:40:31,500 --> 00:40:32,625

socks, everything."

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00:40:34,500 --> 00:40:36,125

I took a shower with the garden hose.

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00:40:37,625 --> 00:40:45,000

White buttoned up shirt and pants. I see
everyone is dressed in white shirts.

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00:40:45,000 --> 00:40:51,750

I was shy. I looked at the table
and saw it was set up.

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00:40:52,375 --> 00:40:54,625

I saw dry bread. It was Matzah.

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00:40:56,250 --> 00:41:02,875

I saw one miserable egg sitting on a plate
one lamb shank and I say,

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00:41:02,875 --> 00:41:10,500

"Tell me, are you on a diet?" Because there wasn't
schnitzel, couscous, mafrum that I'm familiar with.

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00:41:10,500 --> 00:41:16,125

He said, "No, this is a holiday.
We were four hundred years in exile in Egypt.

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00:41:16,125 --> 00:41:22,875

God almighty sent ten plagues to the Egyptians
and the Israelites were freed from Egypt.

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00:41:22,875 --> 00:41:29,250

We were forty years in the desert
and the sea was split in two.

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00:41:29,250 --> 00:41:33,625

We are now the chosen people, a free nation."

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00:41:33,625 --> 00:41:39,000

- I didn't know Hebrew.
- So he explained all of this in Arabic to you?
- Arabic, yes.

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00:41:40,625 --> 00:41:44,375

But the amazing thing that came out of me
In Hebrew...

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00:41:45,625 --> 00:41:49,125

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And I don't know Hebrew, but somehow
I said in Hebrew,

English Translation

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00:41:49,125 --> 00:41:53,291

"I want to be Jewish."

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00:41:53,750 --> 00:41:55,250

He looks at me...

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00:41:57,875 --> 00:41:59,500

"What did you say?"

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00:41:59,500 --> 00:42:03,250

"I want to be Jewish."

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00:42:04,625 --> 00:42:11,375

"No, no, no, wait a minute. A Jew is born Jewish,
and an Arab remains Arab.

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00:42:11,375 --> 00:42:19,250

It's impossible to change your religion.

That's how the world is and there is one God for everyone."

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00:42:20,000 --> 00:42:24,000

- To be honest, he didn't convince me.

- He didn't want to convince you to be a Jew.

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00:42:26,250 --> 00:42:27,375

A kid from Gaza...

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00:42:27,375 --> 00:42:32,875

To be honest, he didn't convince me. I went to

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00:42:32,875 --> 00:42:41,875

my neighbor after dinner. She is an Iraqi who speaks Arabic.

I told her that I want to be Jewish.

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00:42:41,875 --> 00:42:50,125

She said, "You can." I said, "Oh, okay. How?"

She told me that you can do it at the Rabbinical office.

I said, "What is that?"

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00:42:50,125 --> 00:43:00,125

She got some black clothing and told me of its color,
and did like this, like a hat and like this, a Payot.

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00:43:00,125 --> 00:43:03,250

- So I understood.

- You saw many like these?

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00:43:03,250 --> 00:43:06,625

Many. Then this religious man came out

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00:43:06,625 --> 00:43:08,750

and said, "what are you doing here?"

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00:43:08,750 --> 00:43:10,000

I said, "I want to be Jewish."

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00:43:11,000 --> 00:43:17,125

"Come, come. Okay, I'll talk to the Rabbinite after the
holiday." In Arabic. They dragged it for

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00:43:17,125 --> 00:43:22,875

three months. Every day, holidays, they don't
work, strikes. At that time,

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00:43:22,875 --> 00:43:27,750

young people had an earring in their ears.

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00:43:28,000 --> 00:43:36,000

I went to a jewelry store and got a pierced ear. I was the happiest in the world.

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00:43:36,500 --> 00:43:39,625

I went to the religious family and they

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00:43:39,625 --> 00:43:49,000

looked at me like I was strange. I asked, "Now am I Jewish?" They said, "No, you have an earring."

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00:43:49,625 --> 00:43:52,250

You thought that would make you a Jew because other Israelis had it?

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00:43:52,250 --> 00:43:59,375

Yes, I'm like you now. I want to be like you in every way. So, I got an earring.

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00:43:59,375 --> 00:44:01,500

"I'm the same way like you are."

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00:44:01,500 --> 00:44:04,875

And this really convinced him.

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00:44:04,875 --> 00:44:10,500

He called the Rabbinate and made an appointment

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00:44:10,500 --> 00:44:16,000

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English Translation

We arrived in Tel Aviv. The Rabbi asked, "How can I help?"

He said, "The boy wants to be Jewish."

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00:44:16,000 --> 00:44:17,375

"Where is he from?"

"From Khan-Yunis."

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00:44:17,375 --> 00:44:21,500

"No, he doesn't belong to us. He needs to go to
Ashkelon." We drove to Ashkelon

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00:44:21,500 --> 00:44:27,250

to Rabbi Drukman. He is well known. May he rest in peace.
He passed away. Rabbi Drukman said, "You don't belong to us."

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00:44:27,250 --> 00:44:32,625

You belong to Ramat Gan." We got to Ramat Gan and
they said that I belong to a Kibbutz up north.

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00:44:32,625 --> 00:44:37,875

We went to the Kibbutz up north and they said
that I belong to another location

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00:44:37,875 --> 00:44:43,625

five kilometers from us. When we got there
they told us, "No, you belong to Kiryat Shmona."

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00:44:43,875 --> 00:44:49,750

When we got to Kiryat Shmona, they said,

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00:44:49,750 --> 00:44:53,750

"No, you belong to Ramat Gan."

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00:44:54,125 --> 00:44:58,875

Thanks to them, I got to know all of Israel.

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00:44:58,875 --> 00:45:00,500

- Who took you? The Jew?

- Yes.

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00:45:00,500 --> 00:45:02,625

- What's his name?

- Nissim.

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00:45:02,625 --> 00:45:06,875

- You know what Nissim is in Hebrew? Miracle.

- So he brought you a miracle.

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00:45:06,875 --> 00:45:12,375

God almighty had sent him. He is an angel.

God sends angels. I believe in that.

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00:45:12,375 --> 00:45:19,500

And all of those who you went and asked to become Jewish, they didn't try to make you become Jewish. They turned you away.

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00:45:19,875 --> 00:45:24,750

Exactly. They didn't want to. They didn't take me seriously. But in the end,

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00:45:24,750 --> 00:45:31,000

...they saw that I didn't give up.

-Won't give up.

So when I got to Ramat Gan, the Rabbi told me that he will convert me.

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00:45:31,000 --> 00:45:37,375

- How old were you?

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- Sixteen. But I have to get a letter of consent

English Translation

529

00:45:37,375 --> 00:45:40,500

from my family in Khan-Yunis saying
that they agree to them converting me.
- Oy vey.

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00:45:41,500 --> 00:45:47,875

I said, "Are you serious?" I've had no contact with my
family. I haven't been there in years.

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00:45:48,875 --> 00:45:54,625

And if I went and told them I want to be Jewish,
do you know what they would do to me?

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00:45:54,625 --> 00:45:58,000

They'll chop me in little pieces like that.

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00:45:58,000 --> 00:45:59,375

They would chop you up.

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00:45:59,500 --> 00:46:02,875

Exactly. Someone who was Muslim and became infidel?
Oy, oy, oy...

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00:46:03,500 --> 00:46:07,750

This exactly brings me back to what they
did in in Gaza on October 7th.

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00:46:07,875 --> 00:46:10,750

The cruel murder. I told him there is no way.

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00:46:10,750 --> 00:46:18,875

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English Translation

He said, "Wait until you turn eighteen and I'll convert you.
You'll be a big boy."

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00:46:19,250 --> 00:46:25,500

I returned disappointed.

I thought I'm coming as an Arab-Palestinian-Muslim

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00:46:25,500 --> 00:46:27,375

in the morning and returning as a Jew.

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00:46:27,375 --> 00:46:29,875

It was such a disappointment.

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00:46:29,875 --> 00:46:37,500

I returned to the construction site. I turned sixteen.

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00:46:37,875 --> 00:46:42,125

At that time, an Arab-Palestinian from Gaza murdered a girl,

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00:46:42,125 --> 00:46:51,000

seventeen year-old girl from Bat Yam. Her name was Ella Naoper.

And then this created problems between Arabs and the Jews

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00:46:51,000 --> 00:46:55,375

in Jaffa-Bat Yam. Stabbing, shooting...

It was crazy.

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00:46:55,875 --> 00:47:01,875

A week later, a terrorist got into

a bus and the bus exploded.

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00:47:02,500 --> 00:47:09,750

- That was the intifada...

- Exactly. The Intifada, another bus exploded, markets, malls...

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00:47:09,750 --> 00:47:15,750

You don't understand. Israel was on fire.

So, the government decided that

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00:47:16,125 --> 00:47:22,375

all the Arabs who entered here freely

should all be expelled

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00:47:22,375 --> 00:47:28,000

to Judea and Samaria and Gaza. They closed

for two to three months.

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00:47:29,375 --> 00:47:34,250

Now there are buildings, you know, workers

they were standing like that.

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00:47:34,250 --> 00:47:39,125

Then they said that those who are forty years-old

and up are allowed to enter and forty and under can't.

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00:47:39,125 --> 00:47:43,875

Because all those who did the terror attacks were young,

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00:47:43,875 --> 00:47:48,500

from sixteen years old to thirty years-old... So now

I became illegal.

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00:47:49,125 --> 00:47:56,125

[When] I saw the police, I used to run away. I was scared.

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00:47:57,000 --> 00:48:03,250

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I didn't want to go back there. No, I wanted to
be Jewish. I feel that I'm Jewish.

English Translation

556
00:48:03,250 --> 00:48:05,125
I would go to a synagogue

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00:48:05,125 --> 00:48:07,625
on Saturdays before I converted,

558
00:48:08,625 --> 00:48:10,750
because something pulled me from here

559
00:48:10,750 --> 00:48:14,375
from the soul. No one can tell me who I am.

560
00:48:14,750 --> 00:48:17,875
You can give your signature or a stamp.
But your soul?

561
00:48:18,250 --> 00:48:25,750
Do you think it was not fair that they
deported people like you?

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00:48:26,750 --> 00:48:34,750
Palestinian Arabs who worked in Israel and lived in Israel?
They deported them because they had done bad things.

563
00:48:34,750 --> 00:48:37,750
You felt it's not fair to you?

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00:48:37,750 --> 00:48:39,625
If there were people like me then,

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00:48:39,625 --> 00:48:47,750

what I did, they could have done the same.

Why didn't they?

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00:48:47,750 --> 00:48:52,250

Is there someone like Abraham?

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00:48:52,500 --> 00:48:54,750

Is there someone like Moshe Rabbeno?

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00:48:55,500 --> 00:48:58,625

It's obvious that when they come in

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00:48:59,125 --> 00:49:02,125

to work, make money,

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00:49:02,750 --> 00:49:10,000

get clothes... everything. The Jews don't throw away clothes. They donate it to the Arabs.

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00:49:10,000 --> 00:49:18,250

But you still come and blow them up and kill children? We didn't do it. If we are mad

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00:49:18,250 --> 00:49:22,125

that Israel expelled the Arabs, let's think why.

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00:49:22,125 --> 00:49:28,500

From here they are telling you to go home. They are making problems, murdering.

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00:49:28,500 --> 00:49:31,000

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It's not a joking matter. It's murder.

English Translation

575

00:49:32,000 --> 00:49:37,375

And if we stayed inside, the Arabs, it's dangerous
because I told you

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00:49:37,375 --> 00:49:40,000

at school there is a fire of hatred.

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00:49:41,625 --> 00:49:44,625

A fire... At the end what happened? Boom.

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00:49:45,625 --> 00:49:48,875

A very painful fire.

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00:49:49,125 --> 00:49:54,875

Every time I saw a police, I would run away
under the shingles.

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00:49:55,000 --> 00:49:57,250

And then they caught me.

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00:49:57,625 --> 00:50:01,125

- The Israelis?

- The Israeli police.

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00:50:01,125 --> 00:50:05,375

It was a very difficult time. Very difficult.

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00:50:06,125 --> 00:50:09,750

There was a terror attack in Rishon LeZion
not far, one kilometer away.

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00:50:09,750 --> 00:50:17,250

You could hear the earth shake.

It was scary. Very scary.

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00:50:19,625 --> 00:50:23,000

When you hear about an attack, it's

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00:50:23,000 --> 00:50:25,875

not like you just see a body, you see pieces.

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00:50:25,875 --> 00:50:32,958

So, even though it hurt you and basically
didn't work in your favor, you understood

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00:50:32,958 --> 00:50:35,208

why they had to close the country?

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00:50:35,958 --> 00:50:40,958

- Why the Israelis essentially did that?

- Of course. I'm against them opening it!

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00:50:40,958 --> 00:50:45,958

What did they do with you, the Israelis, after they caught you? Did they hurt you? Did they
torture you?

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00:50:45,958 --> 00:50:50,833

No. One cop saw my earring and said,
"You have an earring? Stay here."

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00:50:50,833 --> 00:50:55,083

And then they set me free. They were angels.

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00:50:55,083 --> 00:50:56,833

I went back and stayed at the construction site.

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00:50:56,833 --> 00:51:01,708

So, you thought the Israelis were angels because they treated you so well?

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00:51:01,708 --> 00:51:02,958

They were angels.

596

00:51:02,958 --> 00:51:10,833

The ones who murdered people are the Palestinians,
not the Israelis, not the Jews. Who started the entire mess?

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00:51:10,833 --> 00:51:16,208

Some Arab works here and then
he comes and blow himself up,

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00:51:16,208 --> 00:51:22,708

and all the Arabs who work here must leave.
It's obvious because one had blown himself up.

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00:51:22,708 --> 00:51:26,833

So the second and third one might do it.
It's a chain reaction.

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00:51:27,333 --> 00:51:30,208

There is nothing like that, it's dangerous.

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00:51:30,208 --> 00:51:36,958

So I stayed there at the construction site.
When I was eighteen, we went to the Rabbi

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00:51:36,958 --> 00:51:41,208

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and I said, "I'm eighteen.
I've had my birthday."

English Translation

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00:51:41,958 --> 00:51:53,083

He said that there is a problem. We need special approval
since I was eighteen and am not supposed to be in Israel.

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00:51:53,083 --> 00:51:56,208

-You were not allowed to be in Israel.
-You were not allowed to be in Israel.

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00:51:56,208 --> 00:52:00,583

I said, "But I was here before all the approvals
were needed."

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00:52:00,583 --> 00:52:02,708

He told me that the law is the law.

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00:52:02,708 --> 00:52:07,333

I heard the word 'combina' [slang in Hebrew].
So I said, can't you make a combina?

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00:52:07,333 --> 00:52:11,083

- You heard that word?
- Yes, all the time. Combina, combina, combina...

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00:52:11,083 --> 00:52:17,458

- Did you already speak Hebrew at that point?
- Yes. The religious man was a principal of a religious

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00:52:17,458 --> 00:52:22,208

school in Tel Aviv. His wife was

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English Translation

00:52:22,208 --> 00:52:24,708

the supervisor of all religious schools in Israel.

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00:52:24,958 --> 00:52:31,583

They bought me a notebook and taught me
how to write and read.

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00:52:31,583 --> 00:52:34,208

During that time,

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00:52:34,208 --> 00:52:41,458

I was about nineteen and half years-old,

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00:52:41,458 --> 00:52:43,208

and I was with the Rabbi.

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00:52:43,208 --> 00:52:46,458

And then I...

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00:52:46,458 --> 00:52:54,083

I returned disappointed. At nineteen and a half years-old,
I was arrested close to the police station. They took me to court

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00:52:54,083 --> 00:53:00,958

in Rehovot. I went in front of the judge and said
that I've been in Israel for seven years.

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00:53:00,958 --> 00:53:06,083

I want to become Jewish. I went to the Rabbinat
and they asked for a confirmation that I can

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00:53:06,083 --> 00:53:08,208

be here and convert.

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00:53:09,208 --> 00:53:11,208

The religious man brought a pile of

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signatures from two hundred and fifty neighbors who have known me from

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childhood to adulthood, that helped me. But the judge didn't care. He sentenced me

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to forty-five days in prison and probation for ten months. I wasn't angry. That was a very difficult period of my life.

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Listen, this is crazy.

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It was a very difficult time.

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- They put you in jail with Palestinians in Israel?
- Yes, they put me with people who had murdered Jews.

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And these are people who heard you in court saying that you want to be a Jew?

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Yes, there were Palestinians next to me, also illegally in Israel, they whispered in my ear, "Just wait. We will kill you."

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When they brought me to prison in Beer Sheva,
the prisoners beat me up severely.

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So what did they do? They separated us.

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They put me in a separate cell.
They came behind the door and kept saying, "Just wait."

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After forty-five days, they deported me back to Gaza
and there they waited for me.

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- And what did the Israelis do to you in prison?
- Nothing. They treated me nicely. Israeli prison is like staying at a hotel.

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-In comparison to what you went through?
-You sleep, you go out to work,

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you study, you have TV... You have everything.
It's like a hotel.

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- And in Gaza?
- Now, we are getting to it.
- I'm afraid to hear it.

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00:54:49,333 --> 00:54:51,458

Real Talk with Marissa, featuring Dor Shachar
Cover your ears.

English Translation

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00:54:52,708 --> 00:54:53,958

Okay, tell me everything.

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When I got there, my memory got erased. I don't remember anything. What I remember was that

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I worked in Israel and that's it.

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All my childhood, wanting to be Jewish, all the trips...
Everything was erased. All that I remember was

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that I worked as a guard in Israel.

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They took me to a small cell,
three window bars.

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Hamas, Islamic Jihad, Patah. All of them.

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Each one stood on one side of the door.

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And each second I see someone else looking
inside with a killer face,

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a scary face.

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00:55:46,458 --> 00:55:53,708

Anger, rage. I know exactly what awaits me.

I asked when am I going home, they said, "Soon."

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Three big guys came in tied my hands in the back,

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covered my eyes, put a sack over my head.

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I sat in the back. Someone was

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00:56:06,583 --> 00:56:10,958

sitting next to me with a gun

drawn to my head, like this.

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It was scary.

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He told me in Arabic, "If you try to

escape, you'll get a bullet in the head."

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I was scared. "Where are you taking me?" "Home."

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We drove and drove and drove.

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00:56:25,583 --> 00:56:29,208

And then we got to a prison in Gaza.

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Two were pulling me on each side.

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They put me in a small cell.

Darkness, I don't see a thing.

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I only hear, "Allahu akbar."

All is dark. No daylight.

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They took me in for questioning.

They tied my hands behind my back, sack on my head.

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They placed me in the interrogation room.

He tells me to sit on my knees,

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with my legs spread.

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00:57:02,333 --> 00:57:06,708

I sat and they went out and

I heard the door close.

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The only sense that worked was my hearing.

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To hear if there

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I didn't hear anyone in the room.

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But the kick between the legs was very painful.

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There was someone there.

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Then two came and sat on the chairs.

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The interrogator sat across from me.

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"What, what did you do in Israel for seven years?"

They knew everything.

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00:57:36,958 --> 00:57:41,833

I said that I worked as a guard. Really, that's all I remembered.

"What else?"

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That's it. He was at the back of me and they pulled it
with all their strength.

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It hurts. I screamed,

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00:57:51,958 --> 00:57:53,833

"What do you want from me?"

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"You tell us."

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I said, "I swear to God, I didn't do anything."

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00:57:58,208 --> 00:58:03,208

He said, "Do you know what it is?"

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"No."

"This is your God."

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00:58:07,708 --> 00:58:13,083

Opened the drawer, closed it.

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00:58:14,083 --> 00:58:20,458

They took a chair, put it upside down, and someone was holding me.

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Two were holding me and the other one started beating me on my feet.

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It was painful.

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- They beat your feet?

- They beat my toes.

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00:58:30,958 --> 00:58:32,333

It's very sensitive.

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00:58:32,333 --> 00:58:34,833

- What did they want you to say?

- If we are walking and we get

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bruised by the cabinet, it hurts.

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00:58:38,083 --> 00:58:42,458

It's excruciating pain.

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What did they think that you would tell them?

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They wanted to hear what I said in court.

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Because they were notified already about what I said in court.

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Just know that their intelligence is better than ours.

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The Arabs who work in Israel are their intelligence.

They transfer all the information to them.

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00:59:05,208 --> 00:59:06,458

Everything.

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00:59:06,458 --> 00:59:11,083

- They know everything that's happening.
- So somebody told them that you want to be a Jewish Israeli?

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- Obviously. When I was in court...
- Traitor.
- ..and told the judge that I want to be Jewish, there were other Arabs who heard me.

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That's it. The story is done. From here to prison.

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And from here to prison it's by phone.

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You only need to call.

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Say one, two, three, four.

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"No problem, we are waiting for him."

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00:59:34,583 --> 00:59:41,458

Then they pushed me against the wall and brought a long stick, two meters long.

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And each one of them held one end of the stick and pulled me up like this. I was suffocating.

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I fainted and then again. The next phase, "What do you want from me?"
"You tell us."

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Next, they tied me to the ceiling with my head down.

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01:00:02,333 --> 01:00:07,458

They opened the water and gave me electric blows,
and cut my arms like you see.

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And they don't cut to finish it quickly.
No, they cut this way, in a way that I

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01:00:20,833 --> 01:00:25,583

saw not only the flesh, but the white part, deep inside.

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01:00:25,583 --> 01:00:30,708

I didn't see the red part, the white after the flesh.

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I remember in the hall they kicked me.

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01:00:37,458 --> 01:00:38,583

They pulled you down the hallway?

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01:00:38,708 --> 01:00:43,208

No, they beat me, electric shocks

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01:00:43,208 --> 01:00:50,458

cold water, hot water, for six months. It was crazy.

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01:00:50,708 --> 01:00:53,833

- Did you say something?

- No, because I don't remember.

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01:00:54,833 --> 01:00:58,958

It was cold in the winter. I'm in a short sleeve shirt

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freezing.

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I couldn't open my hands. Just frozen.

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01:01:04,583 --> 01:01:13,583

They wrapped my hand with a bandage. No stitches and I said, "I'm cold, please, in the name of your children, I'm freezing."

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01:01:13,583 --> 01:01:19,708

They beat me up and asked, "Now are you warm?"

I said, "Yes." Truthfully, yes. It warms you up.

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01:01:19,833 --> 01:01:24,958

At least for a few seconds I was warm.

I was freezing.

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01:01:25,583 --> 01:01:31,708

I used to fall asleep for ten seconds
and dream that I'm sleeping in a double bed

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and when I woke up, I couldn't move.

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01:01:33,708 --> 01:01:37,833

I don't know how I held on.

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I held on for six months because I was dreaming.

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The few seconds I slept, I would have amazing dreams.

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What did I dream about? About my future.

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01:01:50,708 --> 01:01:58,208

That I return, I convert, I... That's what kept me going.

God almighty was with me there.

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01:01:58,208 --> 01:02:01,833

- He gave me signs.

- They couldn't control your....

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Also, Joseph was in prison for a few years.

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- Did you know about all these stories when you were in prison?

- What stories?

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The stories from the Torah, you knew about them?

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I knew those stories before, not after.

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01:02:16,208 --> 01:02:22,583

I told you, I used to go to Synagogue to pray.

The Jews used to say to me, your uncle is Muhammad?

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So your faith gave you strength?

Yes. The faith in Him, God.

-Wow.

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How did you get out in the end?

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01:02:32,458 --> 01:02:35,333

I sat in front of the interrogator and he said,

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01:02:36,583 --> 01:02:43,208

"Listen, we heard that in the courtroom in Rehuvot
you said that you want to be Jewish."

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01:02:43,208 --> 01:02:52,958

He told me everything I had said in court, and as he
was telling me, all of my memories... came back.

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I said, "You really think I would say that?

I'm a proud Palestinian,

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a hero. Who are the Jews?

I will murder them. Send me away from here."

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He turned a page and asked, "Did you have an earring?"

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01:03:08,208 --> 01:03:12,208

I told him yes, then he asked, "Why?"

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01:03:12,833 --> 01:03:21,708

I said, "So they would think I'm Jewish, not an Arab."

He hit me and said, "You dog!"

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01:03:22,333 --> 01:03:29,083

"You should be a proud Palestinian. To think that you are Jewish? It's forbidden. Another seven months."

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01:03:29,083 --> 01:03:38,833

After seven months, they brought me in to sign lots of papers, like this, like I'm buying a house, a penthouse.

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- A contract.

- A contract.

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01:03:40,458 --> 01:03:44,458

I couldn't travel from Khan-Yunis to Gaza because there was an army there.

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01:03:44,458 --> 01:03:49,458

I couldn't travel from Gaza to Rafiah because the army was there.

I couldn't travel from Khan-Yunis to go to the beach

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01:03:49,458 --> 01:03:53,583

because the army was there. I could never go to Israel.

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01:03:53,583 --> 01:03:58,833

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- So they basically put you in an open air prison?
- Exactly, they put me in Khan-Yunis, a kilometer

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01:04:08,708 --> 01:04:12,583

- in each direction.
- Who are those people who are running everything there?

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01:04:12,583 --> 01:04:15,583

Hamas, Islamic-Jihad, Al Din Qussam, Fatah.

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01:04:15,583 --> 01:04:16,833

They work together?

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01:04:17,208 --> 01:04:24,208

Of course. It's like its own military.

There is border patrol and Duvdevan, etc..

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01:04:24,208 --> 01:04:28,333

It's the same thing: regiments, regiments.

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01:04:28,958 --> 01:04:33,083

And then I signed so they would release me. "What's next?"

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"You are going home for a month."

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01:04:36,083 --> 01:04:37,583

"Where?"

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01:04:38,833 --> 01:04:40,833

To your family in Khan-Yunis.

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01:04:40,833 --> 01:04:45,208

They took you to your father.

They took me to my father's house.

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They knocked on the door and he opened. "This is your son.

He was in custody for four months."

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He looked at me, like this, and said

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"This isn't my son."

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01:04:55,583 --> 01:04:58,583

"Is this not your son?"

"No, I don't have traitor sons."

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01:04:59,833 --> 01:05:06,583

Do you remember when I told you about the guy who

called his father, "Dad, I killed ten Jews?" This was the opposite.

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01:05:06,583 --> 01:05:12,583

The boy wants to be Jewish, it's not good.

Now, if I had murdered Jews, he would have

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01:05:12,583 --> 01:05:16,583

greeted me with a big hug and my mom

would have been handing out candy in the streets.

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They would have had loud music and been congratulating each other.

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01:05:22,208 --> 01:05:25,583

It would have been a holiday, a joyous day.
When you murdered a Jew it was a holiday.

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01:05:25,583 --> 01:05:27,958

Curses and beatings.

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01:05:29,333 --> 01:05:33,708

They told me, "If you had only brought some honor
to your family. If you had only murdered some Jews."

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Remember the one who called his dad

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and said, "Look dad, what I did. A little honor
for your family."

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That's what they want you to be...

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01:05:42,708 --> 01:05:43,458

Yes, honor.

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01:05:43,458 --> 01:05:46,708

So, after prison, they also beat you when you went back home.

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01:05:46,708 --> 01:05:56,958

True. True. Because of the shame. I'm a traitor.
What kind of family is that? It had failed. What kind of son?

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What kind of education did you give him?

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01:05:58,833 --> 01:06:05,708

Do you remember what names they called you in Arabic? What did they say to you?

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01:06:05,708 --> 01:06:08,083

- They called me Jasus.

- What is Jasus?

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01:06:08,083 --> 01:06:11,583

- Jasus is someone who is a traitor.

- It sounds like Jesus.

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They called me an infidel.

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01:06:20,583 --> 01:06:24,708

So, the word for infidel is like Jesus?

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01:06:24,708 --> 01:06:31,083

No, Jasus is someone who changed sides and now collaborates with the Jews. A traitor.

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Yes, a traitor, you are passing things to the other side.
You are with the infidels.

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A traitor.

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Exactly, like a traitor.

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01:06:40,333 --> 01:06:45,958

Like connected to the infidels. There's another word.

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How do you say that?

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01:06:48,208 --> 01:06:55,333

Kafar. This word is like the death penalty.

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01:06:55,958 --> 01:06:58,083

So, your family didn't accept you back?

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No, they did, they respected the Palestinian police.

They accepted me, but not in the house.

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They accepted me back for a month to sleep
on the roof. "Take yourself and go up.

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01:07:11,958 --> 01:07:17,708

Your sister will bring you food and water upstairs."

-So, you slept on the roof?

-The thing was,

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when I left there was only five siblings and when I came back home

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there were already ten siblings.

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The siblings, who brought me food upstairs,

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I didn't even know them because they were all born after me.

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01:07:32,333 --> 01:07:34,333

After I had left for Israel.

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01:07:34,333 --> 01:07:39,958

If I needed to go to the toilet

I went downstairs, and after a month

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01:07:39,958 --> 01:07:45,333

they kicked me out and I became homeless.

I used to walk around and get beaten by

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01:07:45,333 --> 01:07:50,958

neighbors and the Palestinian police. "Stand on one leg. Don't move," and if I moved, I was beaten.

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01:07:51,958 --> 01:07:59,333

After a month, they left me alone.

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01:07:59,333 --> 01:08:06,958

I started working at a construction site in Gaza.

I saved money, I ran away

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toward the border of Rafiah-Egypt, and from there to Turkey.

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How did you enter Egypt?

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I got issued a passport.

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01:08:18,083 --> 01:08:25,958

I was lucky they didn't find me, if they did,
then wow.

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01:08:26,208 --> 01:08:32,083

It's not a place where you are issued
a passport and everybody knows.

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It takes them....

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01:08:33,833 --> 01:08:38,333

They didn't progress in life.
They didn't advance. They are stuck.

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01:08:38,333 --> 01:08:41,333

If you were issued a passport,
they know about it after a month.

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01:08:41,333 --> 01:08:47,333

- So as long as you paid, they took your money and gave you a passport.
- Yes, I paid, I got my passport and escaped to Egypt.

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01:08:47,333 --> 01:08:51,708

From there I went to Turkey and from there to Ben Gurion (Israel).

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01:08:52,458 --> 01:08:56,708

So, with that passport you went from Egypt to Ben Gurion?

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Yes.

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01:08:57,833 --> 01:09:03,833

And at the customs back then they gave you notes.

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01:09:03,833 --> 01:09:09,458

I received a red note. Red isn't good.

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So they actually didn't let you in?

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No. They asked me, "What are you doing here? Why did you come?
Did you come to work?" They tried to pull it out of me.

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01:09:24,958 --> 01:09:30,083

I said, "No way, what do you think?
I came for my birthday and this is

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01:09:30,083 --> 01:09:35,458

the first time I've flown," and I really had
my birthday. They said, "Oh, great, happy birthday.

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Wait here." Two cops came and took me to the patrol car.

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01:09:38,958 --> 01:09:42,208

- To prison?

- No, to Erez Passage.

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01:09:42,208 --> 01:09:44,958

Nightmare. Darkness.

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01:09:44,958 --> 01:09:47,083

- What do you mean by Erez Passage? Back to Gaza?

- Yes.

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01:09:47,708 --> 01:09:50,083

That's it. My life is over.

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01:09:51,958 --> 01:09:55,708

And then, they dropped me off before the checkpoint.

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01:09:56,583 --> 01:09:59,958

They left, and I took a taxi and I went back to Rishon.

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01:10:00,458 --> 01:10:11,208

I started working as a guard. I was on probation and on top of that,
I was illegal. So, if they caught me it would be straight to prison.

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01:10:11,208 --> 01:10:15,708

- Why didn't you stay in Turkey or Egypt?

I've got to ask this question.

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I asked myself that same question.

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It was because my soul knew what it wanted.

See we have the body and soul, and I followed my soul.

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In the end, I found out that a Jewish soul is always looking for its place.

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When I converted, it was at peace.

My soul rested because it felt good.

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- You had a purpose... You had purpose.

- And then I went to the religious family in Rishon.

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First, I went to the police, so they'd help me.

I told them that I'm going to be in Rishon. They said they'd try to help me.

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After that, I started working as a guard for a warehouse. Two thieves came to the warehouse, so I called the police

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and they caught them. The police said great, well done. Come to the police station tomorrow and give

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a testimony. I went to the police station. Great, I've done something good.

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The investigator told me,

"Well done, you are a good citizen.

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You have seen a crime, you've called the police. I wish everyone was like you."

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I said, "Thank you very much," and I gave her my ID number. Then they put handcuffs on me

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01:11:25,208 --> 01:11:26,708

and said, "You are under arrest."

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- They took me to court in Rehovot.
- What was your crime? Do you remember it?

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That I was on probation for three years, and

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not even one year had passed. Also, I was illegal.

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I was like a 'criminal,' both on probation and illegal.

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In Rehovot Court, the religious man was sitting

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- with the same signatures.
- Nissim?

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He said speak, and I said no.

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01:12:01,958 --> 01:12:08,083

And the judge knows exactly what's going on

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and she asked me to stand up.

English Translation

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01:12:08,083 --> 01:12:13,833

I stood up and she said, "Speak, simply speak."

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01:12:15,333 --> 01:12:19,458

I spoke, starting with my childhood, until the day
I came to stand in front of her.

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01:12:19,458 --> 01:12:21,333

You told her your story?

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01:12:21,333 --> 01:12:31,333

All of it. She listened to me until the end.
She said "I won't arrest you."

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01:12:31,333 --> 01:12:37,708

"Is there someone who can sign a bond for you?"
Nissim said, "Yes, I will." And he signed.

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01:12:37,708 --> 01:12:47,833

I had handcuffs on my feet and hands. They removed it
and I was free. All this fear of what will happen disappeared.

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We sent letters to the Ministry of Internal Affairs.

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01:12:52,083 --> 01:13:01,583

It took seven years until I got permission to convert. Again, we had a
court hearing about my request to convert.

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01:13:01,583 --> 01:13:07,958

I wasn't angry. It was a difficult time.

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Very difficult time. There were kids at a club

English Translation

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and someone seventeen years-old came in and

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blew himself up. And I come from the same place,
I... understand them.

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Then, I got confirmation that I could study
Judaism. I studied Judaism at a Yeshiva.

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I lived there. They sent me to Kiryat Shmona to do my Jewish

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01:13:26,708 --> 01:13:32,708

conversion. They asked me questions, I answered
some, and I didn't answer some, because I didn't

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know. Then the rabbi told me that I was
not a good student and should study a

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little more. I said no problem, but in Jerusalem.

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01:13:44,208 --> 01:13:48,708

Where in Jerusalem? I do not know.
At the city institute. The next day I traveled

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01:13:48,708 --> 01:13:52,583

to the city institute in Jerusalem and I lived

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there for a period of time, three months.

English Translation

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Rabbi Usherkin, also a known rabbi, taught me.

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And then came the holiday Purim, and you know, all of
them are getting drunk.

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01:14:06,208 --> 01:14:10,958

All the religious people are getting drunk. And then he comes with

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01:14:10,958 --> 01:14:17,208

this wine cup and said, "Cheers. Drink."

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01:14:17,208 --> 01:14:21,833

I said, "Your honor, Rabbi, I have no problem drinking.

But I've never drank in my life. This is the first time that I've drank."

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01:14:21,833 --> 01:14:27,333

- Because you were a Muslim?

- Exactly, Muslims can't drink.

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01:14:27,333 --> 01:14:35,458

I don't know how it's going to affect me.

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01:14:35,458 --> 01:14:42,333

He said, "You want to be a Jew, you start with the wine."

I took the glass, I drank from it and

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I felt like I was floating, but in a good way.

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01:14:49,333 --> 01:14:53,583

He gave me six cups.

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01:14:54,083 --> 01:15:01,583

- [laughs] You drank six cups of wine.

- I came to him crawling on all fours.

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I said, "Rabbi, I don't feel good."

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He asked me a question, and said,

"If they don't let you convert, what will you do?"

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I answered him, "If I won't be a Jew. It's for life."

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01:15:17,083 --> 01:15:23,208

You know, when the wine enters,

secrets come out. I didn't know until

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01:15:23,208 --> 01:15:28,583

two years ago, that's why he let me drink.

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01:15:28,583 --> 01:15:36,208

The Rabbi from Kiryat Shmona asked him what to do and what to ask.

He said, "I told him that if I'm not Jewish, it's for life."

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01:15:36,708 --> 01:15:38,833

"That's what he said?"

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01:15:39,458 --> 01:15:45,208

"Don't tell him anything. I'm coming to give a lesson on Monday." So really, the Rabbi told me

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01:15:45,208 --> 01:15:50,958

that many people had come. I was sitting in the aisle seat.

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01:15:50,958 --> 01:15:58,333

The Rabbi gave a lesson about the things he asked me and I didn't answer. He kept looking at me.

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When he finished, he pulled me outside and said,

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"Please forgive me, please forgive me."

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01:16:04,583 --> 01:16:08,333

"Come to me next week on Monday, and I'll convert you."

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01:16:08,333 --> 01:16:14,708

I go to see him on Monday. It's raining, I'm drenched in water.

He said, "Where is your umbrella?" I said, "I don't have an umbrella."

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He said, "Where is your coat?" I said, "I don't have a coat."

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"Take a towel, dry off." I sat down.

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There were three converters. Him and two others.

He sat down and said, "I'm going to convert him."

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English Translation

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No questions, I'm signing."

Everyone signed and said, "Mazel tov."

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Ok. He said, "Where is the Mikveh?" You know, when someone is converting, they need to get into the water of the Mikveh.

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He said, "Do Mikveh in Jerusalem." "But there is a Mikveh here."
"But it's cold."

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01:16:47,458 --> 01:16:52,583

I said, "I don't mind if it's cold."

He said, "No, it has to be warm."

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01:16:52,583 --> 01:16:55,208

I said, "I'll wait outside,
until morning; will it be warm?"

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01:16:55,208 --> 01:16:57,083

He said, "No, do it in Jerusalem."

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01:16:57,083 --> 01:16:59,958

On Wednesday I did the Mikveh in Jerusalem.

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01:17:00,333 --> 01:17:04,083

I received a certificate that I'm Jewish.

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It's called the 'Certificate of Conversion'.

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01:17:10,708 --> 01:17:13,458

I went back to the City institute and we celebrated.

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01:17:13,458 --> 01:17:20,708

We had a party, it was very exciting and after a while I received a Jewish ID and a draft order.

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- Was your new name?

- Dor Shachar.

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- Who gave you this name?

- I did.

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You chose this name.

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Shachar is a new day. It's dawn and it's beautiful.

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Shachar is a new day. It's dawn and it's beautiful.

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01:17:34,833 --> 01:17:45,083

And Dor for peace between us and the Jews.

A Dor (Generation) of love and peace.

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- Something new.

- Yes, something new.

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And I received my first and second draft,
I went to Tel Hashomer.

English Translation

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I went there and received a ninety-seven profile,
which is the highest. It's combat.

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01:17:57,583 --> 01:18:01,458

- To be in the Israeli army?
- Yes, of course.

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- How old were you?
- I was twenty-three.

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They told me you have two weeks until you are enlisting.

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Paratroopers.

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And then there was an article in the Israeli newspaper.

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Good for you, and then they invited me to a TV show,

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and I was asked, "What if they'll send you
to evacuate settlers?"

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It was exactly at the disengagement time, 2005.

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- That's when they pulled the Jews out of Gaza.
- It was Gush Katif, yes from Gaza, Judea and Samaria.

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And then I said, "Wait a minute. Let's get things straight."

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I'm watching over the country and it's citizens.
I'm not here to evacuate settlers.

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I'm not taking dead people out of their graves.

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The disengagement is dangerous for the state of Israel. This is my sentence.

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It's dangerous to the state of Israel.

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The army called me and said, "Bye, bye. Thank you. We are not enlisting you."

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Like I'm already starting to make trouble.

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So, I made a sign and wrote, "You're going to give them, you'll get."

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I said, "If you are going to give Gush Katif, that's

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where the rockets will come from."

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You know what they told me?

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That I'm a right-wing extremist, a racist, and that I hate Arabs.

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- And is it true?

- No, they didn't understand. I simply tell my life story.

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They don't know what they are teaching the children there.

How they raise them. Anything you give them,

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you are paying a very high price. The Oslo accords, very simple.

Everyone was for the Oslo accords.

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So there'll be peace.

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I was the one who was born in Khan-Yunis. I was against it.

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Why was I against it?

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Because I know them.

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I know what they are capable of doing. The disengagement—

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I was against it.

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Because I know them.

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Why didn't the Israelis want to listen to you?

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Apparently, the truth is painful.

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Because they believed in their lie.

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All the time, they said it will be fine before October 7th.

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They said that there will be peace.

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They forgot...

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01:20:52,958 --> 01:21:00,708

For the Oslo Accords, we paid a price.

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The disengagement is what caused October 7th.

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Do you think what happened on October 7th changed anything? Did they learn anything?

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- A lesson was learned?

- The first two weeks, yes. But now, unfortunately no.

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They are going backwards...

I'll tell you why.

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Because Hamas is doing a false public awareness campaign.

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And it works on the world.

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For example, the Israeli Army wants to attack a building,
a building that is full of Hamas,

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And the army says, "You have 24 hours to
leave this building to the north heading to south Gaza."

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They won't leave. Why? Because they say,
" Hamas is holding us with a gun to our heads."

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Another 24 hours. At the end, they came out.

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The army came, attacked the building.
So where are all those kids and dolls

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that you see there? They are taking kids,
for real, who are alive.

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They put red makeup on them.

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01:22:09,833 --> 01:22:15,958

And the kids touch everyone's heart.
That's what touched the worlds' heart, but it's a lie.

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Sure.

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If the army asked to evacuate, and they did
evacuate. Then, where

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did all these children come from? Now, they
are only showing little kids.

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So this kid living alone in this building
without a dad without a mom, without his grandparents?

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Where is his mom? Why didn't his mom die?
Why didn't his dad die?

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Why do I see only kids?

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What are you saying? Hamas is fooling everyone?

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Of course. I'll give you an example. A nurse
in Shifa hospital, everyone knows this.

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She said that Hamas took all the fuel and the medicine.
A child broke his arm, we can't do anything.

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And what did they say? If someone is going
against Hamas, what do they do to him?

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They kill him, they don't murder her.

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That's the [trick] of Hamas, have a ceasefire
and get some food

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and water and electricity and fuel.

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What did the Israeli army find in the hospital
when they got in?

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The kidnappers were there. What was under
the hospital?

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A laboratory of missiles, missiles, and
tunnels and what was above it?

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A “nurse” that Hamas took from us,
that “came out against” Hamas.

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What about the people, the innocent civilians living in Gaza,
what about them?

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- There is no such thing. There is no such thing.
- What, every child, every mother, it's their fault? This whole thing?

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- There are no innocent people there.
- Why aren't they innocent? What have they done?

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Go ask a three or four year-old and they will say, “Death to Israel.”

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The father is saying, "I'll die and my kids die as Shahids."

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They want to be Shahids (martyrs).

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So, what is the solution? What about your family?

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A terrorist who commits suicide, blows himself up,
he is a Shahid.

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Thousands are taking him to his funeral.
His mother is handing out candy.

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What innocents?

The one who called his dad and said, "I murdered ten Jews."

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A husband and wife, see what I've sent.

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So, if he was innocent

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would he have blessed him and said, "Great, keep going"?

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Those are innocents?

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The really innocent people are those who are coming out against Hamas, not in front of the camera.

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In front of the camera, do you know what they are doing to us?

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They are taking a drone. Hamas.

They take two Palestinians, their own people.

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They pretend to be stealing the food. They beat them and then they broadcast it in the media.

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And say look, they even beat up their own citizens, but whose camera is it?

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It's theirs. It's their own videos.

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They are sending missiles to Israel and one had failed and where did it fall? On a hospital.

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And within a minute, what did they say?

That Israel had attacked and that there are 400 dead.

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In one minute. How did you count them?

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Is it possible to count in one minute 400 bodies?

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And then they said, yes ours, not yours.

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- And then said that all is fine.

- You say that you understand and recognize that because you

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- had lived there and that's what they taught you to do?

- Right. They don't have innocent people there.

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- Tell me, don't you think you sound like an extremist?

- That's the truth. The truth hurts and that's okay.

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Are you scared that.....

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You know what? Let's say it's extreme. Okay?

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Let's return, go back

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prior to the Intifada began. Arabs used to come to Israel,

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and Israelis went to Khan-Yunis. Right?

English Translation

-Yes.

-All was good.

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How did it all start?

A Palestinian Arab killed an Israeli woman.

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Next step, Intifada. What did they do?

They threw stones at soldiers.

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That was the first generation. The second generation,

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what did they do? They came with a knife and started stabbing.

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The third generation used explosives and started bombing.

The fourth generation sent missiles.

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The fifth generation conquered Israel, didn't just enter.

They had conquered.

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Up to Sderot, it already belonged to Gaza.

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You know what they did and nobody knows about it
and they don't talk about it?

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Two weeks before October 7th, they always had done that but two weeks before October 7th,

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no disorderly conduct or demonstrations.

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They burned Israeli fields. They always had done that,

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burned tires, threw stones. And they said to the Israeli government if you want to have peace, you should bring in 20,000

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workers from Gaza and that's how you'll have some quiet.

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Because people have nothing to eat.

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What did Israel say?

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- Yes?

- Yes. No problem. They brought in 20,000 workers.

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Every day those 20,000 workers came in and out, in and out. On Friday, they came in and didn't leave.

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They wore the uniforms of our Israeli soldiers
and carried military weapons.

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- You are saying they were disguised?
- Yes, as our soldiers.

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They entered through the fence.
What kind of people entered through the fence?

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I'm showing you who the good
"innocent civilians" that we are talking about are.

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Some of them had a green stripe on their forehead.

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01:28:16,333 --> 01:28:17,833

Those are Hamasniks.

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The story that you shared about your grandfather told you,

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when he showed you the house in Jaffa and said,

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"This is ours, the Jews have taken this away from us." When you think about this story, do you
identify with that? Do you understand

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why the Palestinians are so angry, and they feel that their homes have been taken away?

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- What is your response to this thing?
- First of all they know it belongs to the Jews.

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It is written in the Torah.

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- That God had promised the land to the Jews.
- And the Quran?

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Also in the Quran?

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They took it from the bible, the Ten Commandments.
You must not steal...

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You know, it's the same thing
You know you musn't be

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with a girl until the wedding?

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- For Muslims it's forbidden to be
with girls until the wedding.
- Yes.

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So what did they do to our Jewish women?

-They were raped?

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They raped them.

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- Why?

- Let's think together.

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- So, what do you think should be done?

- I have to explain to you it's very

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important that you understand this
as well. People went into Gaza.

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The green stripe is Hamas, the black
is the Islamic Jihad, the White Brigades Al-Qassam

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and the ones with sandals and flip-flops
are the civilians with the bikes, and the handicapped went

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with a cane. A handicapped went with a cane

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People went with bikes,

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Those are the good civilians.

English Translation

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People say there are good civilians.
They don't have good civilians there.

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Because I grew up that's what I was
taught.

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01:30:01,916 --> 01:30:05,666

That's what they know to do.
The biggest mitzvah is to murder.

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- Were you taught to hate America also?
- Of course.

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01:30:10,541 --> 01:30:13,666

"Death to Israel, Death to America."

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01:30:14,541 --> 01:30:22,541

You know during the Gulf War they used to sing:
"Ya Saddam, Ya Habib, all the lights in Tel Aviv"

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It means, "Dear Saddam, please bomb Tel Aviv.
Dear Saddam, bomb America."

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01:30:30,166 --> 01:30:35,416

- That's what they used to sing when you were a little boy?
- Of course. Why is it hard to comprehend?

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01:30:35,416 --> 01:30:42,416

You know how you've asked me? Isn't it too much?
Isn't it racism?

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Because they raised you on love. On peace.

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They raised me on hatred and murder.

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It's difficult for you to get a grasp on this.
If they raised you on hate and murder,

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you would understand me.
Yes, I understand you, because that's how I was raised.

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- It's hard to comprehend
- Yes, it's hard to grasp this.

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01:31:07,916 --> 01:31:12,791

- Because they didn't teach you this way.
- I hope you don't feel like I'm attacking you with these questions,

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but it's really hard to grasp. Let me ask you one last question.

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You're here in America....

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To say something. What is the last message you want to convey?

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The last message is wake up because you are next in line.

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It's coming soon. And by the way,
pay attention.

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Arab countries say that they are angry at Hamas
for what they had done. That it was not okay. Do you know why?

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- Because it is too early. This is not the time.
- What do you mean?

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What they've done, it wasn't the right time, maybe in five, ten years.

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Why? Because it's not the [right] time.

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It's called redemption. We Jews have
redemption and so do they.

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Hamas is saying, no it's now.

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Now, another little thing... All Hamas chapters, where are they?

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In Qatar. They send money from Israel, they transfer the money to the Palestinians.

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Do you know that they receive electricity from the state of Israel?

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Water, food, iron, cement...

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- In Gaza?

- Yes. They get electricity from Israel and [even] if they don't pay, they don't disconnect them.

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If I don't pay, they disconnect me in one week.

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They'd sent me a warning letter in red, "You have two days to pay."

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You're saying it's just like the Americans who are sending money to the Iranians.

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Right. You need to be tough.

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- You are saying these things publicly, aren't you afraid?

- There is no reason to be afraid.

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- They're going to try to kill you with what you're saying.
- I'm not afraid. The one who isn't afraid, can't be touched.

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I'll give you an example now. You're sitting like that and I keep bugging you nonstop.

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Bugging you and bugging you. You are getting mad, but don't do anything. So what happens?

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I'm getting used to bugging you.

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I'm getting confidence, because I didn't get any reaction from you. But if I came and harassed you the

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first day and you beat me up... I wouldn't get close to you.

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01:33:36,333 --> 01:33:40,458

- I would be scared.
- So, that's what we need to do.

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Yes. Strength should be our language.

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Strength is what they understand.

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- Thank you.

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- Thank you very much.

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